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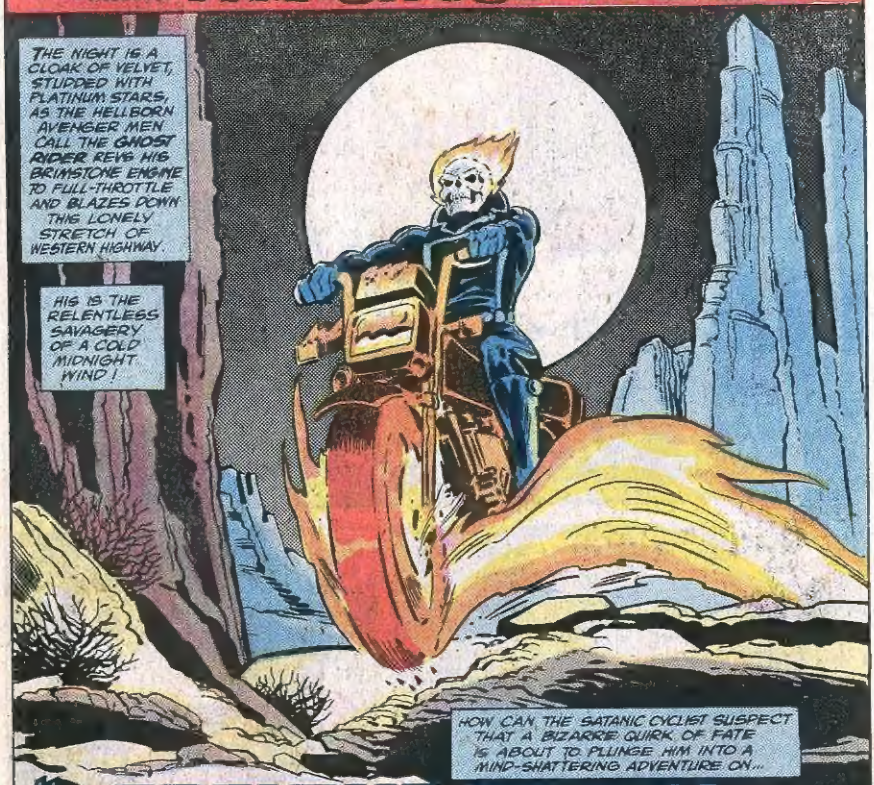
STAN LEE PRESENTS: THE GHOST RIDER!®


THE NIGHT IS A CLOAK OF VELVET, STUDDED WITH PLATINUM STARS, AS THE HELLBORN AVENGER MEN CALL THE GHOST RIDER REVS HIS BRIMSTONE ENGINE TO FULL-THROTTLE AND BLAZES DOWN THIS LONELY STRETCH OF WESTERN HIGHWAY.
HIS IS THE RELENTLESS SAVAGERY OF A COLD MIDNIGHT WIND!
HOW CAN THE SATANIC CYCLIST SUSPECT THAT A BIZARRE QUIRK OF FATE IS ABOUT TO PLUNGE HIM INTO A MIND-SHATTERING ADVENTURE ON...

the FREIGHT TRAIN TO OBLIVION!

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BUT THE GHOST RIDER IS NOT THE ONLY DENIZEN OF THE DARKNESS TO PROWL THE VELVET HIGHWAY THIS NIGHT. FOR AT THIS VERY MOMENT, SEVERAL MILES FARTHER UP THE ROAD...
HERE HE COMES, NATE!
HE'S RIGHT ON SCHEDULE, NATE! MAYBE WE OUGHTTA GIVE HIM SOME KINDA ON-TIME AWARD, HUH?
CUT THE LAME-BRAINED HUMOR--WILL YA, LENNY?
OKAY, PETE! GIVE 'IM A SAMPLER!
RIGHT!
HUH?! WHAT IN--?
BRATATATAT
?!?!

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AWRIGHT, YOU-- OPEN UP THAT DOOR AND CLIMB DOWN OUTTA THAT CAB!
SCREEECH
I-I'M GETTIN' OUT! DON'T SHOOT! D-DON'T SHOOT!
OPEN UP THE DOORS'A THAT CARGO TRAILER! AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!
S-STAY LOOSE, YOU GUYS! I-I AIN'T CRAZY ENOUGH TO TRY AN' TANGLE WITH THE JACKAL GANG!
HEY, NATE! DIDJA HEAR THAT, NATE?
WE'RE GETTIN' FAMOUS, NATE! LIKE THIS TWERP EVEN KNOWS WHO WE ARE, RIGHT, TWERP?
Y-YES, THAT'S--
THEN HE PROB'LY ALSO KNOWS WHEN WE PULL A JOB, WE DON'T NEVER LEAVE NO WITNESSES-- RIGHT, NATE?
YOU GOT IT, PETE!

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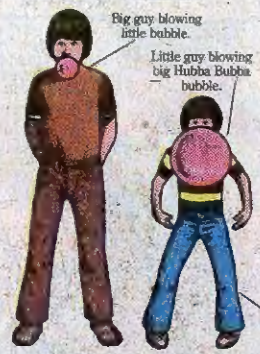

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H-HEY! N-NOW HOLD ON, YOU GUYS! I-I GOT A WIFE AND--
UNNGHH!
BRAT-TAT
GUNFIRE! COMING FROM JUST BEYOND THAT RISE!
IT IS A SOUND THAT CAUSES DREAD AND CONSTERNATION AMONG MORTAL MEN--
--BUT, ON A NIGHT FILLED WITH BOREDOM AND SOLITUDE, IT IS MUSIC TO THE EARS OF ONE SUCH AS...THE GHOST RIDER!
OKAY, YOU GUYS! NOW LOAD--
N-NATE! LOOK!
HUH--?!
I-IT'S SOME KINDA WEIRD CYCLE BUM IN A HALLOWEEN MASK!
WHAT DO WE CARE WHAT HOLIDAY HE'S CELEBRATIN'? GUN 'IM DOWN!
LET THEM FIRE THEIR PUNY WEAPONS IF IT GIVES THEM SATISFACTION! WHAT CAN A HANDFUL OF LEAD PELLETS MATTER--
BRAT TAT-
TAT TAT

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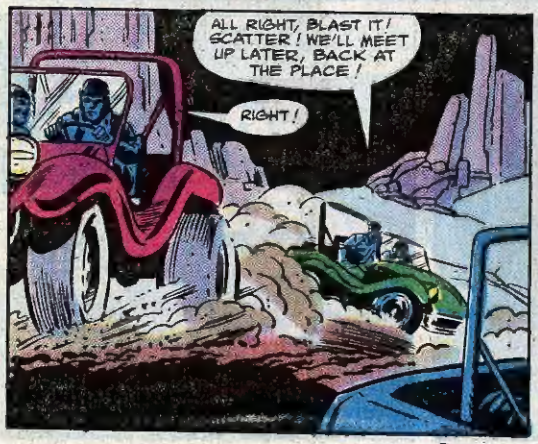
NATE! H-HE'S TURNIN' AROUND NATE! C-COMIN BACK FOR ANOTHER PASS!
WELL, BLAST HIM OUTTA THE SADDLE! YOU GUYS MUSTA JUST MISSED HIM LAST TIME!



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A TOUCH OF HELLFIRE FROM THE INFERNAL PITS SHALL SOON PURSUADE WHICHEVER OF THESE EVILDOERS I OVERTAKE--
--TO REVEAL THE HIDING PLACE OF ALL THE REST!
D-DON'T LOOK NOW, ERNIE! B-BUT HE'S DECIDED TO COME AFTER US!
THEN LET HIM COME! WE CAN SHAKE HIM!
I HOPE!
FASTER, ERNIE! H-HE'S GAININ'!
WE CAN LOSE HIM NOW, ERNIE! THE ROAD NARROWS TO ONE LANE, SO WE--
HONK HONK
WHA--?!
NO!!
ERNIE! LOOK OUT!
PURELY BY REFLEX, ERNIE JERKS AT THE WHEEL, TWISTING THE SPEEDING DUNE-BUGGY OUT OF THE BEAM'S PATH--
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--AND DIRECTLY INTO THE SIDE OF THE ROCKY CLIFF!

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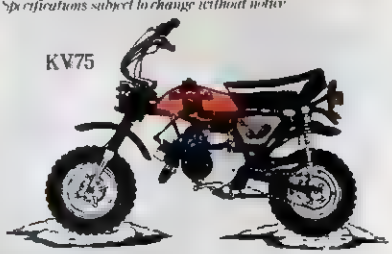

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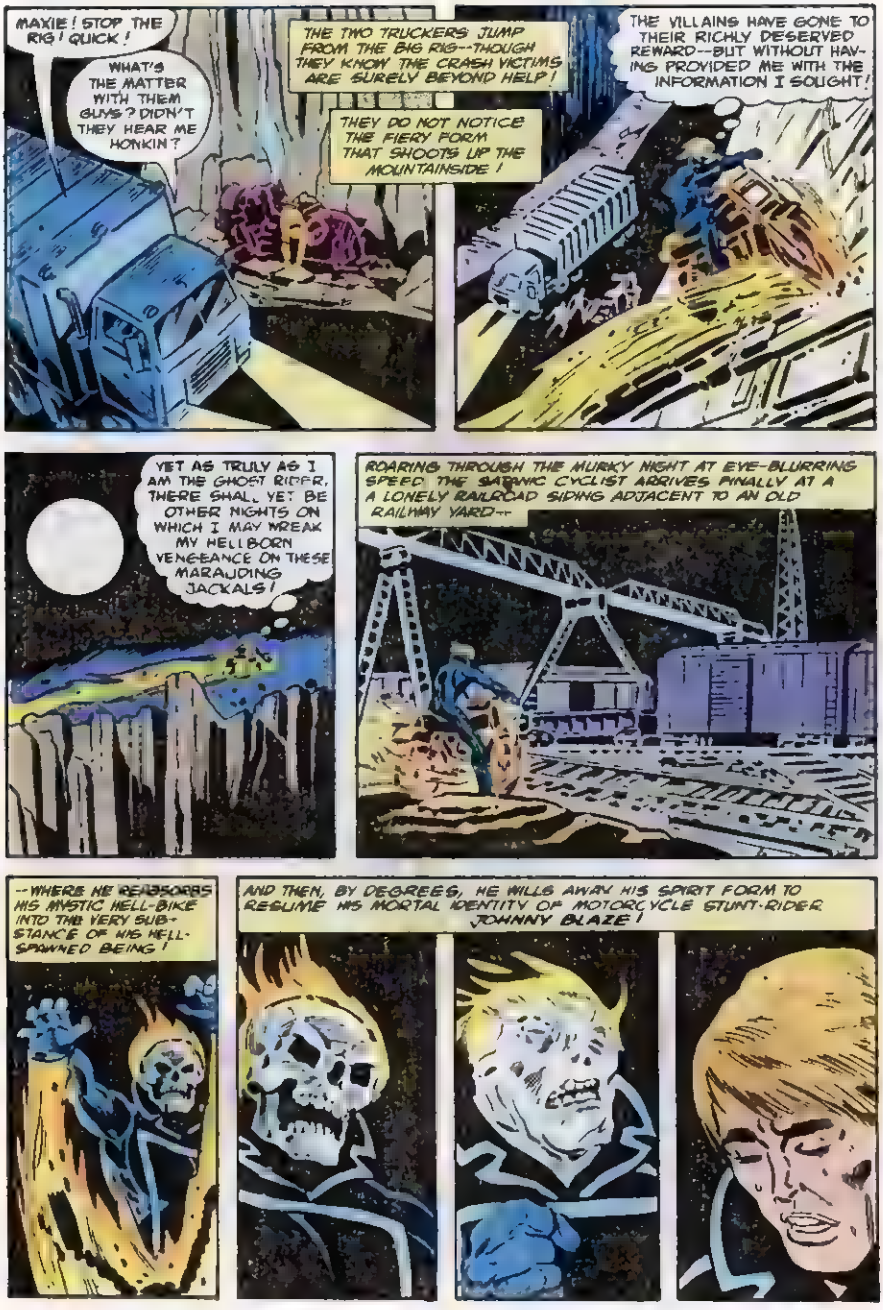
MAXIE! STOP THE RIG! QUICK!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THEM GUYS? DIDN'T THEY HEAR ME HONKIN?
THE TWO TRUCKERS JUMP FROM THE BIG RIG--THOUGH THEY KNOW THE CRASH VICTIMS ARE SURELY BEYOND HELP!
THEY DO NOT NOTICE THE FIERY FORM THAT SHOOTS UP THE MOUNTAINSIDE!
THE VILLAINS HAVE GONE TO THEIR RICHLY DESERVED REWARD--BUT WITHOUT HAVING PROVIDED ME WITH THE INFORMATION I SOUGHT!
YET AS TRULY AS I AM THE GHOST RIDER, THERE SHALL YET BE OTHER NIGHTS ON WHICH I MAY WREAK MY HELLBORN VENGEANCE ON THESE MARAUDING JACKALS!
ROARING THROUGH THE MURKY NIGHT AT EYE-BLURRING SPEED, THE SATANIC CYCLIST ARRIVES FINALLY AT A A LONELY RAILROAD SIDING ADJACENT TO AN OLD RAILWAY YARD--
--WHERE HE REABSORBS HIS MYSTIC HELL-BIKE INTO THE VERY SUBSTANCE OF HIS HELL-SPAWNED BEING!
AND THEN, BY DEGREES, HE WILLS AWAY HIS SPIRIT FORM TO RESUME HIS MORTAL IDENTITY OF MOTORCYCLE STUNT-RIDER JOHNNY BLAZE!

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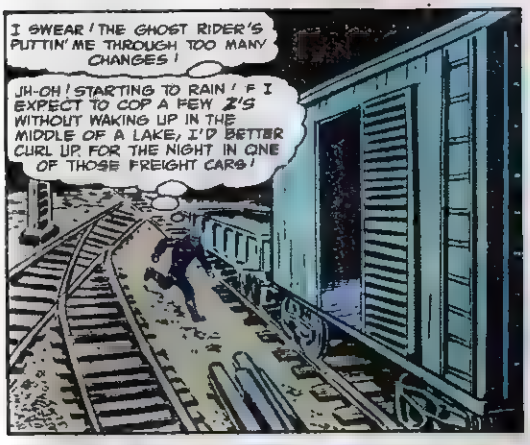
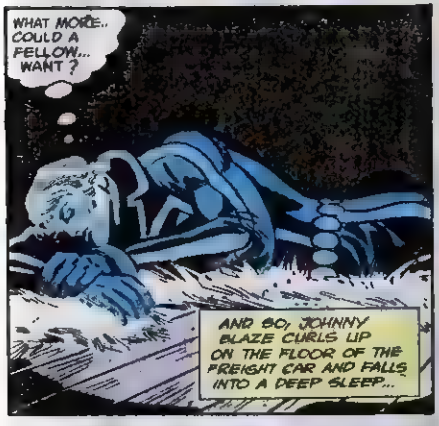

I SWEAR! THE GHOST RIDER'S PUTTIN' ME THROUGH TOO MANY CHANGES!
UH-OH! STARTING TO RAIN! IF I EXPECT TO COP A FEW Z'S WITHOUT WAKING UP IN THE MIDDLE OF A LAKE, I'D BETTER CURL UP FOR THE NIGHT IN ONE OF THOSE FREIGHT CARS!



A SLEEP BROKEN ONLY SCANT HOURS LATER...
HEY! TEPPER! YOU GOT IT YET, MAN?
NAW, NOT YET! HE MUST BE ONE'A THEM WEIRD FELLAS WHAT KEEPS IT IN HIS SIDE POCKET, ...INSTEAD'A THE BACK!

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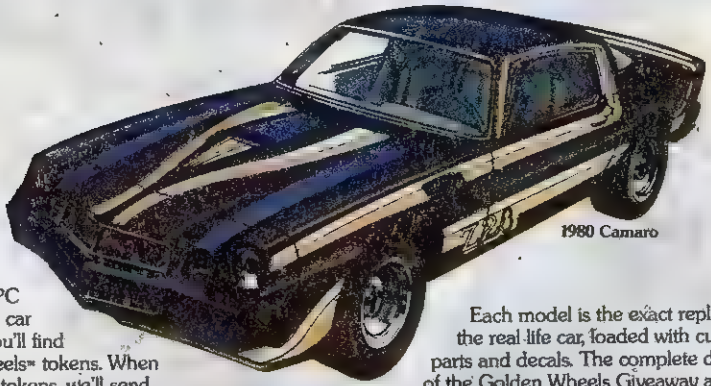

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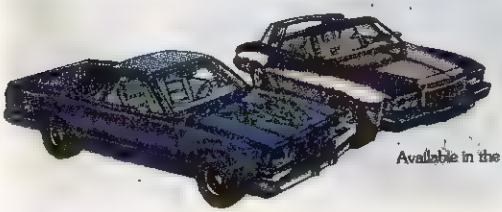

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I GOT IT, THOUGH, DIDN'T I?
BUT, ANDY, THIS GUY'S PRACTICALLY AS POOR AS WE ARE!
H-HEY!
RELAX, GOOD BUDDY! YOU'RE MERELY EXPERIENCING SOME'A THAT FAMOUS CAMERADERIE OF THE OPEN ROAD YOU'VE DOUBTLESS READ ABOUT IN THE STORY BOOKS!
HEY! THAT'S MY WALLET!
NOW, NOW, GOOD FRIEND! THAT'S THE WAY HOBO COMRADERIE WORKS! YOU GIVE US SOMETHING, WE GIVE YOU SOMETHING IN RETURN!
SHOW THE MAN, ANDY!
RIGHT YOU ARE!
LINGSH!
WHAK
TIME TO EVACUATE THE PREMISES, WOULDN'T YOU SAY SO, TEPPER?
BUT BRING ALONG THE WALLET! I KNOW A GENT WHO'LL BE HAPPY TO SHELL OUT A BUCK OR TWO JUST FOR THE I.D.!
I SHOULD SAY SO! EVEN WITH INFLATION, STEAK IS STILL OUR FAVORITE MEAL!

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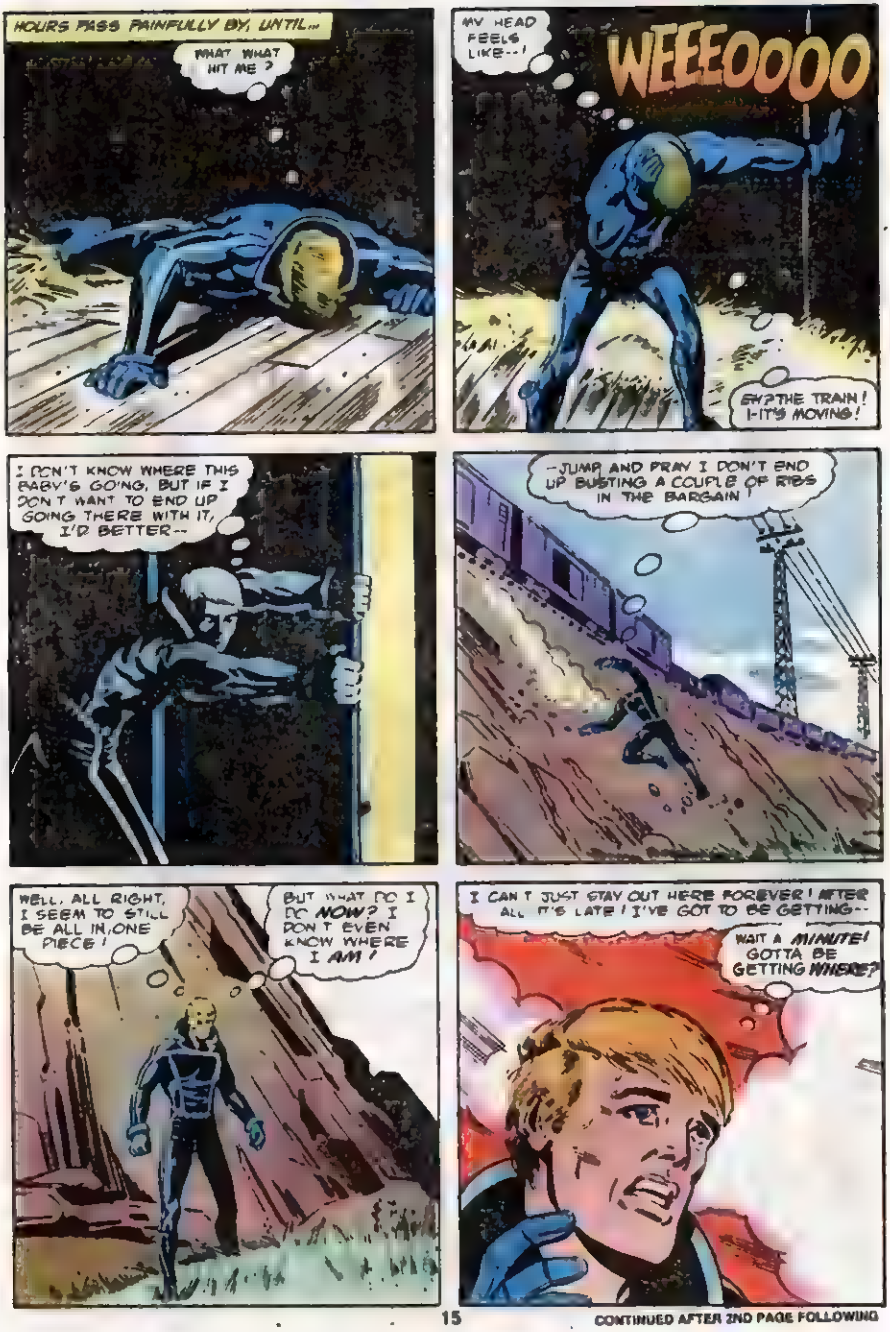
HOURS PASS PAINFULLY BY, UNTIL...
WHAT WHAT HIT ME ?
MY HEAD FEELS LIKE--!
WEEEOOOO
EH? THE TRAIN! I-IT'S MOVING!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS BABY'S GOING, BUT IF I DON'T WANT TO END UP GOING THERE WITH IT, I'D BETTER--
--JUMP AND PRAY I DON'T END UP BUSTING A COUPLE OF RIBS IN THE BARGAIN!
WELL, ALL RIGHT, I SEEM TO STILL BE ALL IN ONE PIECE!
BUT WHAT DO I DO NOW? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE I AM!
I CAN'T JUST STAY OUT HERE FOREVER! AFTER ALL IT'S LATE! I'VE GOT TO BE GETTING--
WAIT A MINUTE! GOTTA BE GETTING WHERE?

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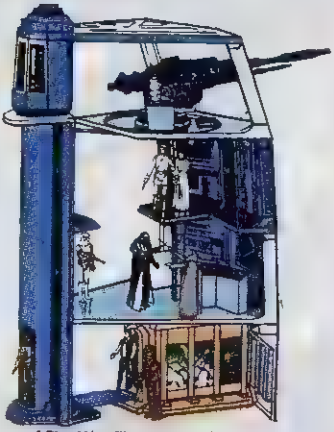

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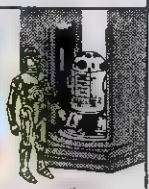

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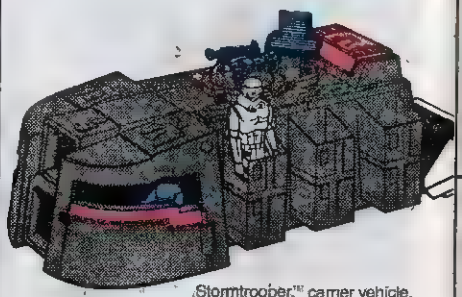

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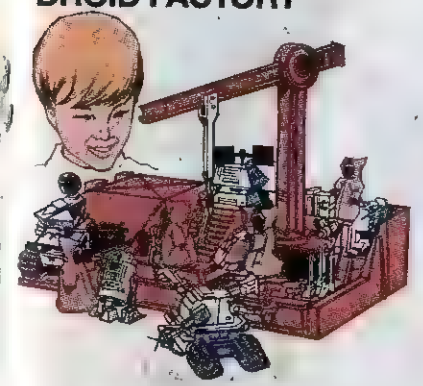

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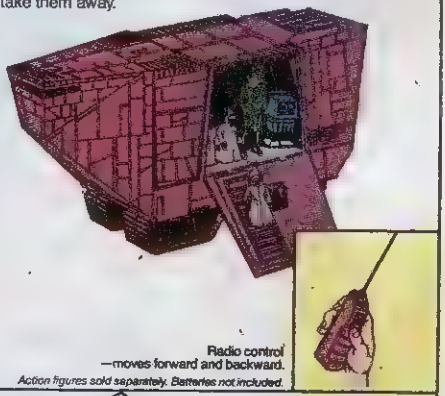

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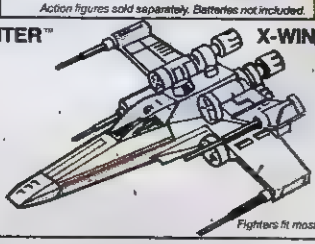

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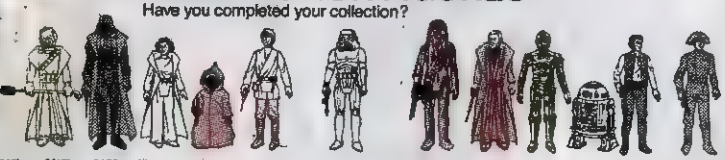

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TH-THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! SURELY I'VE
BUT BEFORE THE AMNESIAC STUNT RIDER CAN FINISH ANOTHER THOUGHT...
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WHA S!
YOU LAME-BRAIN! GET OFF THE TRACK! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO? GET YOURSELF KILLED?
AND AS THE RACE-CAR BREAKS TO A FAST HALT
YOU OKAY FELLA?
I--I THINK SO.
I GUESS IT WASN'T VERY NICE OF ME TO YELL AT YOU LIKE THAT BUT LIKE GOING FOR A LEISURELY AFTERNOON STROLL ALONG A RACETRACK IS A GOOD WAY TO GET YOUR TICKET PUNCHED, YOU KNOW?
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HONEST, MISS! I'M AWFULLY SORRY! I WAS LOST IN--
SKIP IT...HOW DID YOU EVEN GET OUT HERE, ANYWAY? LIKE THIS IS ALL PRIVATE PROPERTY THROUGH HERE!
OH, WAIT A MINUTE! I GET IT! LIKE YOU WERE BUMMING A RIDE ON A TRAIN, RIGHT?
Y-YES, THAT'S RIGHT!
THAT FIGURES! THE ONLY KIND OF MEN I EVER SEEM TO MEET ARE EITHER ONES THAT'VE JUMPED OFF SOME TRAIN OR--!
I--I DON'T REMEMBER!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, ANYWAY?
HA! AND THAT'S THE OTHER KIND OF MEN I MEET--ESCAPED CONS AND GUYS ON THE LAM!
LET ME HAVE A LOOK!
OH, DRAT IT! NOW THE MACHINE WON'T START!
MOMENTS LATER...
NOT SERIOUS! YOU BURNED OUT A HEAD GASKET, FOR ONE THING! AND ALSO, AT THIS ALTITUDE, I'D USE A THINNER FUEL MIXTURE, AND NOT LET THE ENGINE RUN QUITE SO HOT!
A-ANYTHING ELSE?
NO, THAT'S ABOUT IT! COME ON! I PATCHED THE GASKET TO WHERE IT'LL AT LEAST GET YOU HOME!
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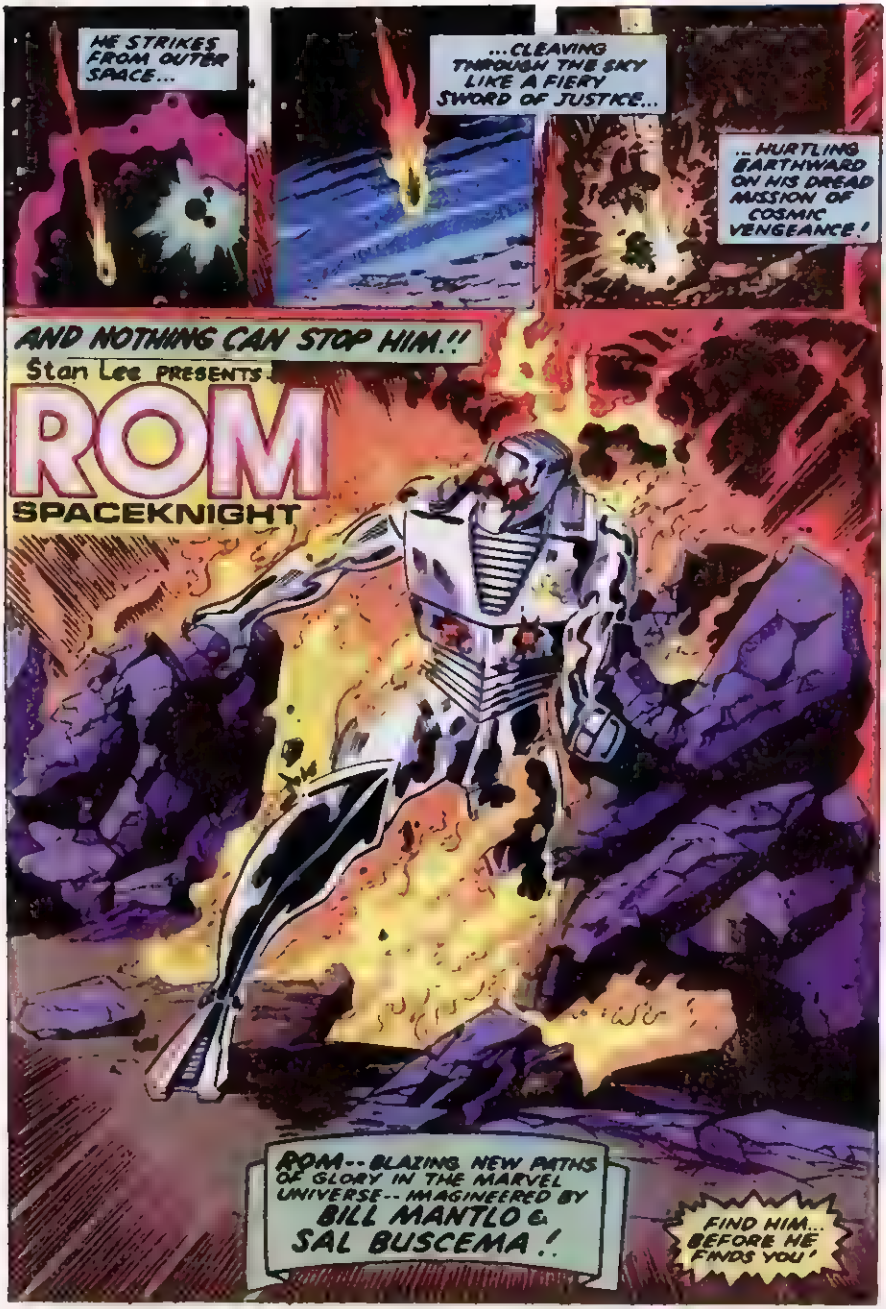
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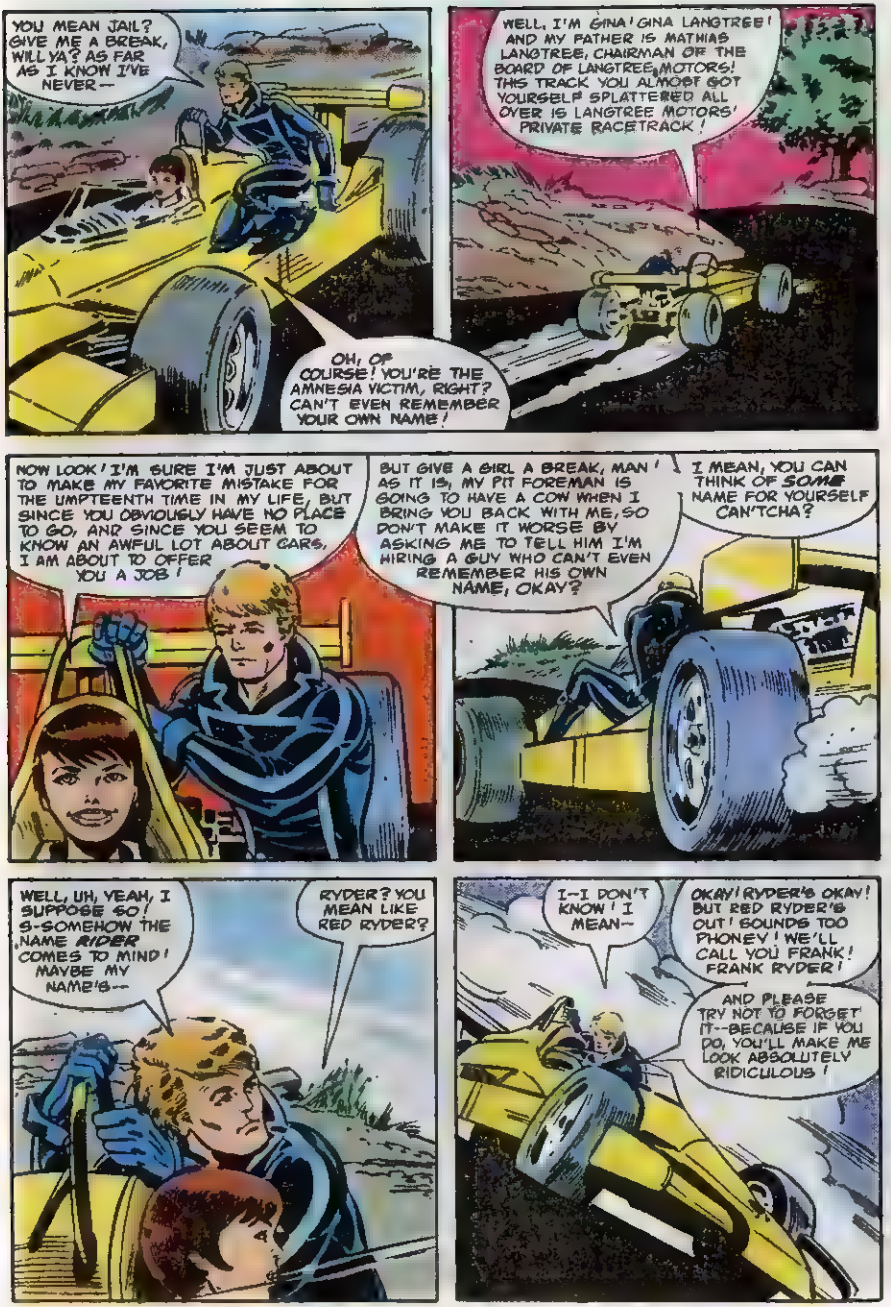
YOU MEAN JAIL? GIVE ME A BREAK, WILL YA? AS FAR AS I KNOW I'VE NEVER--
OH, OF COURSE! YOU'RE THE AMNESIA VICTIM, RIGHT? CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER YOUR OWN NAME!
WELL, I'M GINA! GINA LANGTREE! AND MY FATHER IS MATHIAS LANGTREE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF LANGTREE MOTORS! THIS TRACK YOU ALMOST GOT YOURSELF SPLATTERED ALL OVER IS LANGTREE MOTORS' PRIVATE RACETRACK!
NOW LOOK! I'M SURE I'M JUST ABOUT TO MAKE MY FAVORITE MISTAKE FOR THE UMPTEENTH TIME IN MY LIFE, BUT SINCE YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE NO PLACE TO GO, AND SINCE YOU SEEM TO KNOW AN AWFUL LOT ABOUT CARS, I AM ABOUT TO OFFER YOU A JOB!
BUT GIVE A GIRL A BREAK, MAN! AS IT IS, MY PIT FOREMAN IS GOING TO HAVE A COW WHEN I BRING YOU BACK WITH ME, SO DON'T MAKE IT WORSE BY ASKING ME TO TELL HIM I'M HIRING A GUY WHO CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HIS OWN NAME, OKAY?
I MEAN, YOU CAN THINK OF *SOME* NAME FOR YOURSELF CAN'TCHA?
WELL, UH, YEAH, I SUPPOSE SO! S-SOMEHOW THE NAME *RIDER* COMES TO MIND! MAYBE MY NAME'S--
RYDER? YOU MEAN LIKE RED RYDER?
I--I DON'T KNOW! I MEAN--
OKAY! RYDER'S OKAY! BUT RED RYDER'S OUT! SOUNDS TOO PHONEY! WE'LL CALL YOU FRANK! FRANK RYDER!
AND PLEASE TRY NOT TO FORGET IT--BECAUSE IF YOU DO, YOU'LL MAKE ME LOOK ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS!

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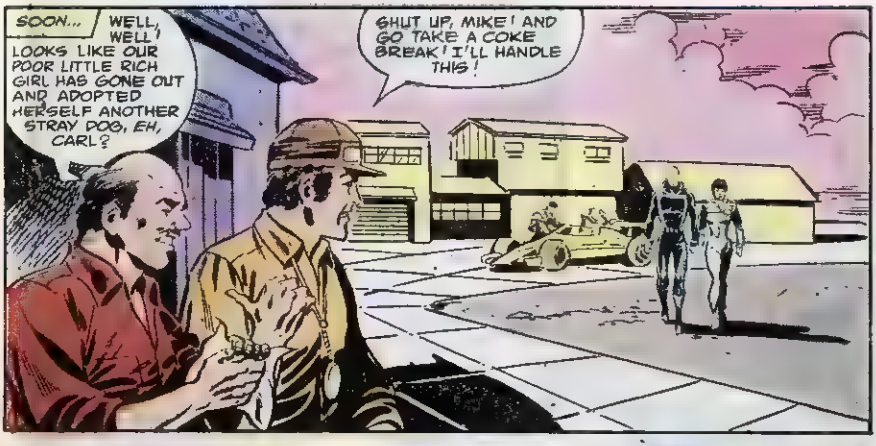
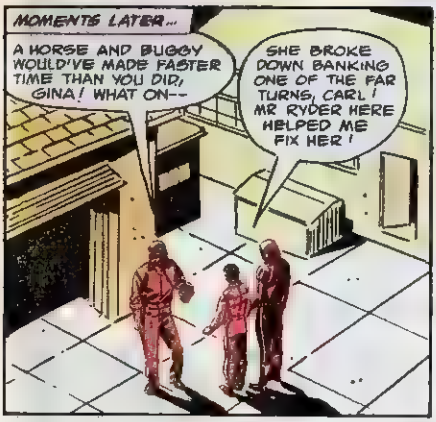
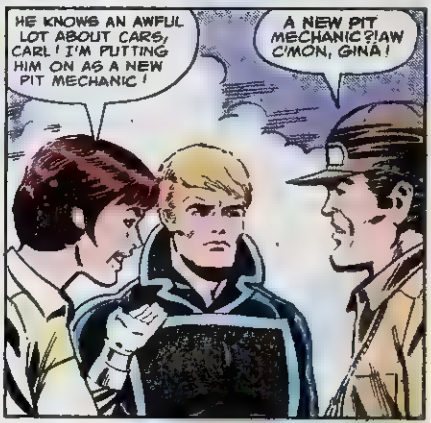
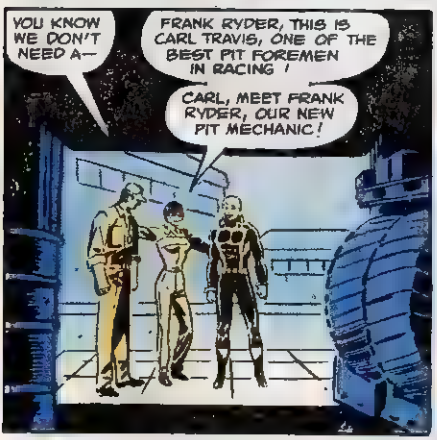
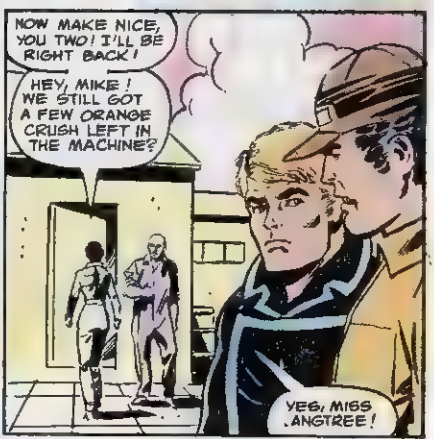

SOON...
WELL, WELL! LOOKS LIKE OUR POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL HAS GONE OUT AND ADOPTED HERSELF ANOTHER STRAY DOG, EH, CARL?
SHUT UP, MIKE! AND GO TAKE A COKE BREAK! I'LL HANDLE THIS!


MOMENTS LATER...
A HORSE AND BUGGY WOULD'VE MADE FASTER TIME THAN YOU DID, GINA! WHAT ON--
SHE BROKE DOWN BANKING ONE OF THE FAR TURNS, CARL! MR RYDER HERE HELPED ME FIX HER!




YOU KNOW WE DON'T NEED A--
FRANK RYDER, THIS IS CARL TRAVIS, ONE OF THE BEST PIT FOREMEN IN RACING!
CARL, MEET FRANK RYDER, OUR NEW PIT MECHANIC!



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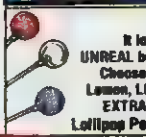

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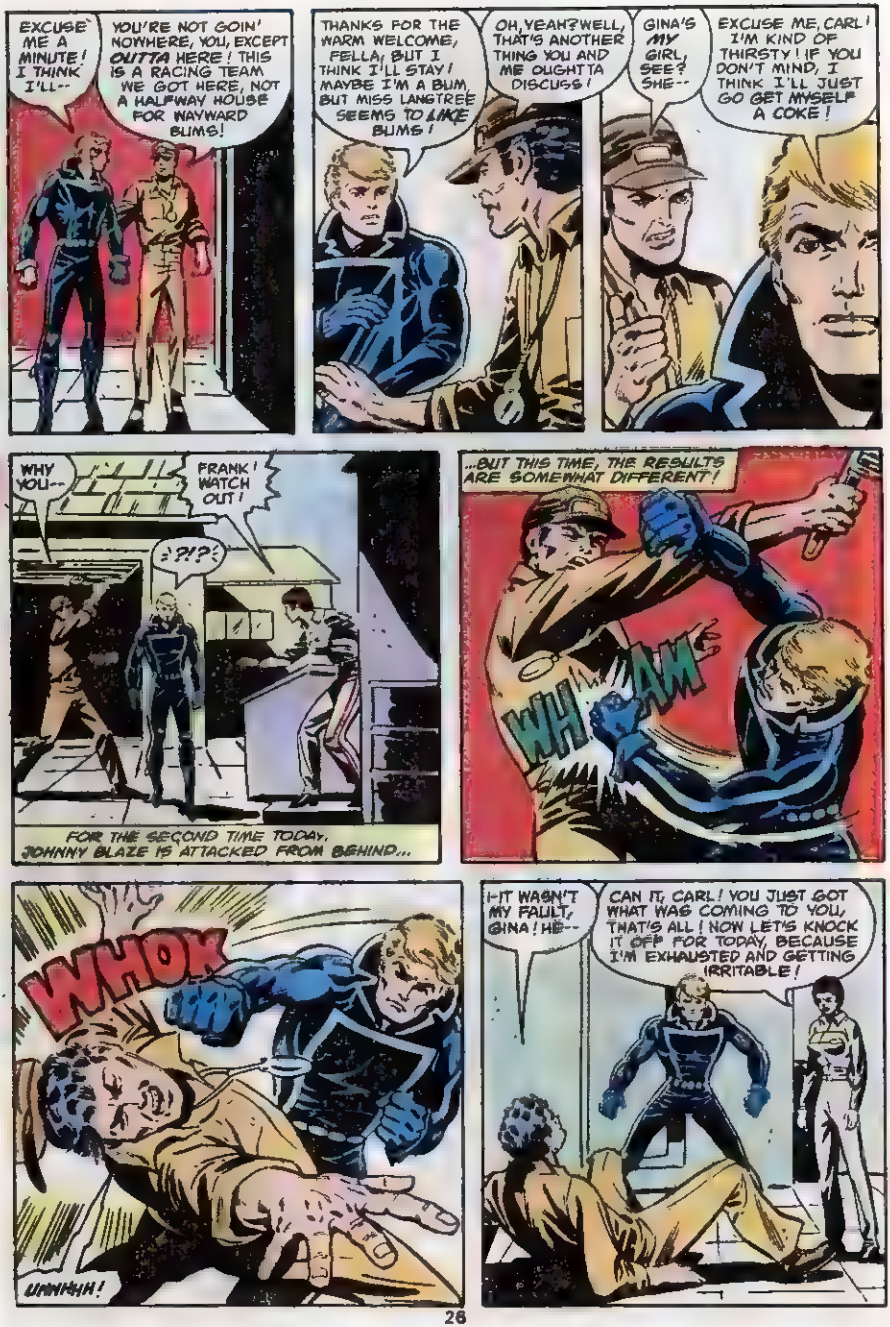
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YOU'RE NOT GOIN' NOWHERE, YOU, EXCEPT OUTTA HERE! THIS IS A RACING TEAM WE GOT HERE, NOT A HALFWAY HOUSE FOR WAYWARD BUMS!
THANKS FOR THE WARM WELCOME, FELLA, BUT I THINK I'LL STAY! MAYBE I'M A BUM, BUT MISS LANGTREE SEEMS TO LIKE BUMS!
OH, YEAH? WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER THING YOU AND ME OUGHTTA DISCUSS!
GINA'S MY GIRL, SEE? SHE--
EXCUSE ME, CARL! I'M KIND OF THIRSTY! IF YOU DON'T MIND, I THINK I'LL JUST GO GET MYSELF A COKE!
WHY YOU--
FRANK! WATCH OUT!
?!?
FOR THE SECOND TIME TODAY, JOHNNY BLAZE IS ATTACKED FROM BEHIND...
...BUT THIS TIME, THE RESULTS ARE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT!
WHAM
WHOK
UHHHH!
IT WASN'T MY FAULT, GINA! HE--
CAN IT, CARL! YOU JUST GOT WHAT WAS COMING TO YOU, THAT'S ALL! NOW LET'S KNOCK IT OFF FOR TODAY, BECAUSE I'M EXHAUSTED AND GETTING IRRITABLE!

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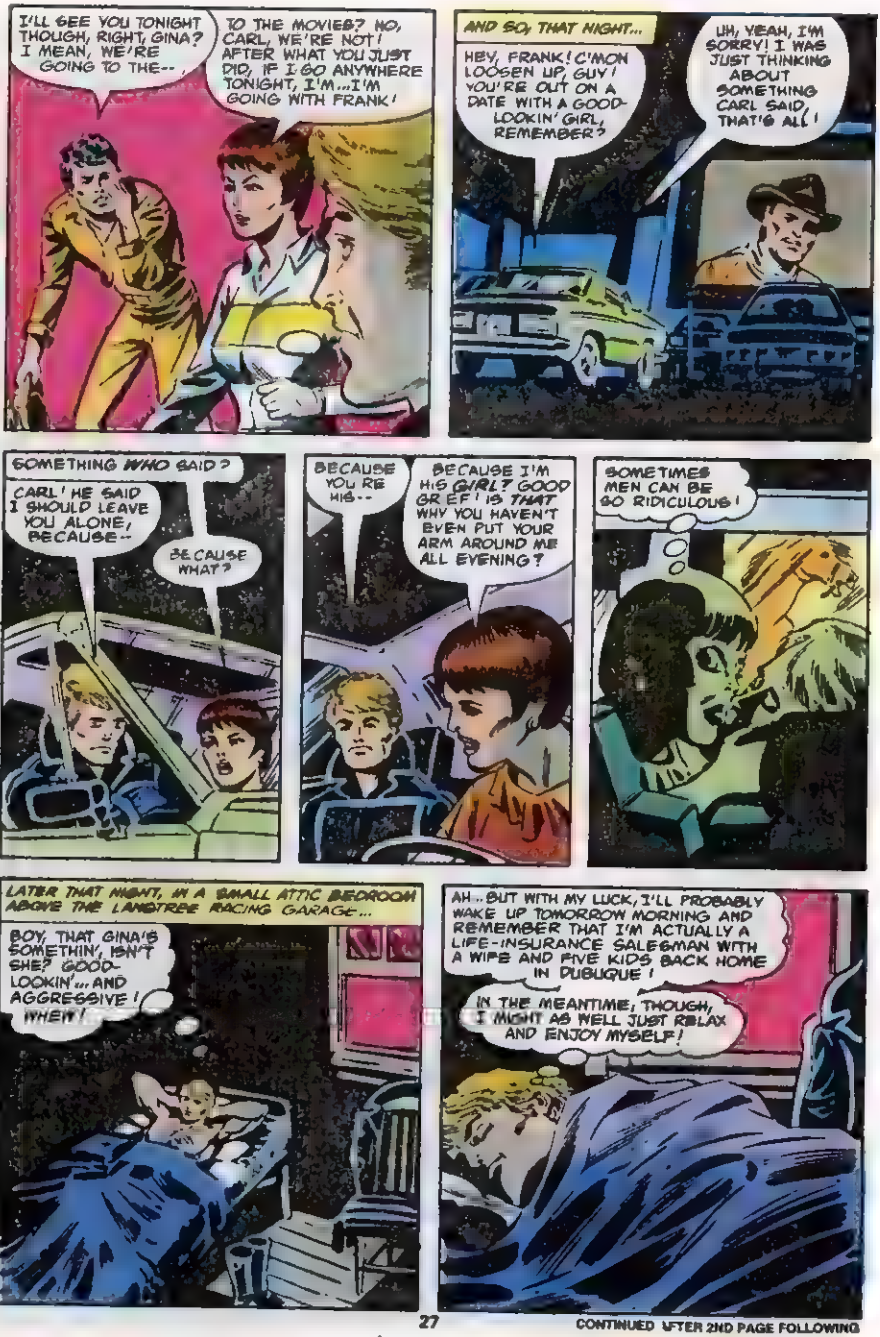
I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT THOUGH, RIGHT, GINA? I MEAN, WE'RE GOING TO THE--
TO THE MOVIES? NO, CARL, WE'RE NOT! AFTER WHAT YOU JUST DID, IF I GO ANYWHERE TONIGHT, I'M...I'M GOING WITH FRANK!
AND SO, THAT NIGHT...
HEY, FRANK! C'MON LOOSEN UP, GUY! YOU'RE OUT ON A DATE WITH A GOOD-LOOKIN' GIRL, REMEMBER?
UH, YEAH, I'M SORRY! I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING CARL SAID, THAT'S ALL!
SOMETHING WHO SAID?
CARL! HE SAID I SHOULD LEAVE YOU ALONE, BECAUSE--
BECAUSE WHAT?
BECAUSE YOU'RE HIS--
BECAUSE I'M HIS GIRL? GOOD GRIEF! IS THAT WHY YOU HAVEN'T EVEN PUT YOUR ARM AROUND ME ALL EVENING?
SOMETIMES MEN CAN BE SO RIDICULOUS!
LATER THAT NIGHT, IN A SMALL ATTIC BEDROOM ABOVE THE LANGTREE RACING GARAGE...
BOY, THAT GINA'S SOMETHIN', ISN'T SHE? GOOD-LOOKIN'... AND AGGRESSIVE!
WHEW!
AH... BUT WITH MY LUCK, I'LL PROBABLY WAKE UP TOMORROW MORNING AND REMEMBER THAT I'M ACTUALLY A LIFE-INSURANCE SALESMAN WITH A WIFE AND FIVE KIDS BACK HOME IN DUBUQUE!
IN THE MEANTIME, THOUGH, I MIGHT AS WELL JUST RELAX AND ENJOY MYSELF!

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Bear with me, gang. It's philosophy time again! I was having a discussion the other day with a professor pal of mine from U.C.L.A. about the so-called "generation gap," and I laid a few personal opinions on him that I'd like to share with you:

First, we're never gonna solve the generation gap till we stop seeking the wrong answers to the wrong questions. Every one yaps about young people being "different" nowadays. Forget it! Human nature doesn't change. It's the human condition that changes—it's the environment! What's happened to us is, the *world* has been wildly changing, producing new sets of rules each time you blink your eye. It's the social climate that's been changing, not you 'n me, Bunky!

Here, this'll show what I mean. Say you've got two homes, a large country estate and a small city apartment. You play your stereo full blast on your estate, but who cares? No one can hear it. You're not disturbing anyone. But play it just as loud in your small apartment with the paper thin walls and your neighbors wanna clobber you! You haven't changed. You're the same yoyo in both places. But the conditions are different!

The fact is, young people are the same as ever, the same noisy, scroungy, mangy, nutty, wonderful crazies they've always been — and adults are still the same grouchy, grunchy, goopy, hard-pressed and harassed heroes *they've* always been —and which you'll soon become! Nothing's changed but the labels. Which leads to point #2 —

None of us is all that different from each other. We all want essentially the same things outta life — a measure of security, some fun, some romance, friendship, and the respect of our contemporaries. That goes for Indians, Chinese, Russians, Jews, Arabs, Catholics, Protestants, blacks, browns, whites, and green-skinned Hulks. So why don't we all stop wasting time hating the "other" guys. Just look in the mirror, mister — that other guy is you!

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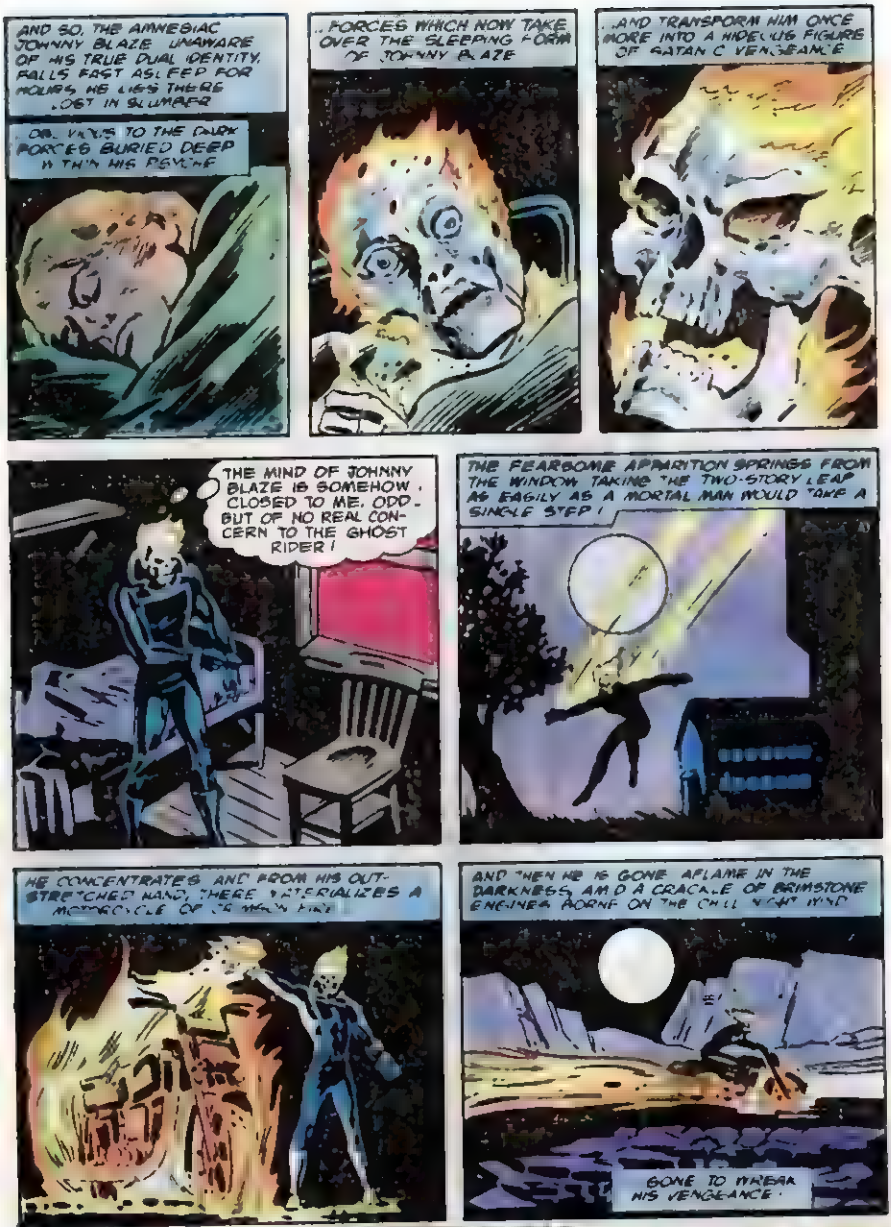
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Dear Marvel,

I have been an avid GHOST RIDER fan since I strolled into my neighborhood drugstore and stumbled across GR #5. After that I constantly raided comic stores in search of back issues, and I'm proud to say that I now own a complete collection. Following the Ghost Rider's development over all those issues, I saw Johnny Blaze through his melodramatic superhero phase.... and through his various romances.

What I am trying to lead up to is rather hard to explain, so just sit back and relax.

Up until recently, Johnny Blaze was in control of his demonic state of being... more or less. However, with issue #33, the demonic personality of the Ghost Rider began slowly taking over the supernatural form of Johnny Blaze. Take, for example, issue #37 – in which the Ghost Rider refers to his "mortal alter ego" as if he were a completely different person.

Therefore, I put forth my query... is Johnny Blaze losing control of the Ghost Rider?

John Huster
1607 Cinnamon Road
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So it would seem, John.

And you aren't the only one to notice. To wit....

Dear Marvel,

I hadn't noticed it before, but somewhere along the line, the Ghost Rider has stopped being Johnny Blaze and has become more of a separate personality. I am less bothered by the demon persona than by the change. The demon seems to be a proponent of justice – or at least he seems to try to keep innocent people out of trouble–and vengeance. I kind of like the demonic Ghost Rider, even though he seems rather detached and cold-blooded. I especially liked it when he said that he was not concerned with trivialities like someone breaking Johnny Blaze's world record.

However, for all his good points, the demon's persona appearing in an old character's body comes as quite a shock. The question of how he got there comes to mind.

As to the story, blowing up a circus's star attraction to get the owner to cough up money seems pretty self-defeating. If I remember my television loan sharks correctly, they usually prefer to accept a modest part of the circus–say 40 to 80%–in lieu of payment. However, if crooks ever had any real wisdom, they would probably go into another business.

Charlie Ehrenpreis
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Dear Sirs,

Regular readers of GHOST RIDER have noticed that the personalities of Johnny Blaze and the Ghost Rider have become much more separate of each other lately. With issue #37, this is extremely evident, as the Ghost Rider has finally reached his fullest character potential. I must express my most sincere feelings on this issue.

First of all, we see Johnny's normal self (pages 2-7) displayed in an excellent contrast to the gruesome, ruthless Ghost Rider (pages 14-28).

In the course of the graveside transformation sequence, the Ghost Rider preaches that vengeance is an evil not meant for mortal man. But he, a thing that is not truly a man, then rides off to take up the cause of vengeance himself. In this, he is depicted as a dark, avenging demon.

The poetry and artwork of the last eight pages were truly beautiful... like nothing I've ever really seen in GR before. Here, the Ghost Rider almost seems to represent the spectre of the two flame-cyclists who were killed.

Never has the Ghost Rider been depicted quite so impressively fearsome, not as ominously cold. This was truly a fine spine-chilling issue.

Michael Piazza
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Lodi, NJ 07644

And there we have our slightly mixed bag of missives *vis-a-vis* the growing demonization of the Ghost Rider... a trend begun by Jim Shooter – lo, these many months ago – and continued by Roger McKenzie and Michael Fleisher. And while our slowly growing treatment seems to have snuck up on Charlie Ehrenpreis, Messers. Piazza and Huster – and a goodly number of other Demonphiles – appear to have seen it coming.

And how will the Ghost Rider's more demonic self affect the life of Johnny Blaze? Watch and see!

Dear Marvel,

GHOST RIDER #37 was only average, but something on page 23 of the story caught my eye. There, the Ghost Rider says, "... the taste of vengeance is as sweet as it is deadly! Had the lad taken one evil life, he would have lusted after more! He would have embarked on a road that can only end in Hell itself!" And on that same page, he says, "Vengeance is the devil's work!"

First off, this seems to me to be an incorrect position. Justified, controlled vengeance is a part of what our legal system is all about, but only in response to certain acts; vengeance is not "addictive," but only a response. The Ghost Rider seems to be setting devils up as a force for good, whereas we have all heard that " 'Vengeance is mine,' sayeth the Lord."

Secondly, this attitude seems out of place for the Ghost Rider. To me, it's never seemed to be his style to actively seek out and punish those who have not wronged him personally.

Finally, while each issue has been commendable, for the last little while, this book has lacked direction and seemed intellectually aimless.

T.M. Maple
Toronto, Ontario

Some interesting thoughts, T.M. However, we'll have to take issue with a couple of them. While it's true that common law has had a tradition of retribution in its punishments, it seems to us that its foundations have been more concerned with liberty, freedom, and the protection of same. Then, too, as Mike Piazza pointed out – the Ghost Rider was saying that vengeance is not for MORTAL BEINGS.

Vengeance, we're sure you'll agree, can be an incredibly destructive drive... self-consuming at times. It sort of seems like a natural for the Ghost Rider.

And with that hopefully stimulating note, we'll say our farewells and invite you all back here in just thirty short days for GHOST RIDER #42.

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